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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter dated 19 February 1960 outlining a special collection project has been carefully considered and Defense participation has been approved.

The Department of the Air Force will provide, operate, maintain, and support one RC-135 aircraft. Within the Department of Defense, the Advanced Research Projects Agency will provide \$4 million toward the modification and instrumentation of the aircraft. It is my understanding that the Central Intelligence Agency will provide \$2 million toward the project.

It is our intention that this project be implemented on an urgent basis.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

JAMES H. DOUGLAS

Deputy

Honorable Allen W. Dulles

Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

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